

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the communication of May 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method of coagulating menstrual flow in humans and other animals comprising contacting menstrual flow with at least one lectin capable of agglutinating at least one of the constituents of said menstrual flow.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said lectin is capable of agglutinating erythrocytes, leukocytes, and/or tissue fragments comprising said menstrual flow.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said lectin is selected from the group consisting of WGA, SBA, ConA, and LCA.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said lectin is administered intravaginally.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said lectin is in neat form.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said lectin is contained in a vehicle comprising excipients or adjuvants.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said lectins are contained in a non-absorbant device.

9. (Canceled)

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13. (Canceled)

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14. (Original) A method of preventing toxic shock syndrome in humans caused by pathogenic microorganisms which comprises administering to a human in danger of infection with a pathogenic microorganism causing toxic shock syndrome at least one lectin capable of diminishing the infective capability of said microorganism in an amount effect to diminish the infective capability of said microorganism.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein said microorganism is a strain of *Staphylococcus aureus*.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein said lectins are selected from the group consisting of WGA, SBA, ConA, and LIP.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein said lectin is administered intravaginally.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein said lectin is in neat form.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 14 wherein said lectin is contained in a vehicle comprising excipients or adjuvants.

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